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SUBJECT: Technical Guide Notice 185

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TO: All Holders of the PA Technical Guide

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Purpose:

To release minor changes to PA Guidance for pasture planning to ensure a consistent level of assistance requested by customers wishing to participate in USDA programs.

Access Instructions

The following planning guidance documents posted to the FOTG with this notice should replace all documents included in the Pasture Planning Guidance section of the Pennsylvania Conservation Planning and Regulatory Compliance Handbook, and are to be used by certified planning staff, effective immediately.

1. *Pasture Inventory and Evaluation Worksheet*
2. *PA NRCS Prescribed Grazing Practice Guide*
3. *PA NRCS Prescribed Grazing Practice Guide Tables*
4. *Example Calculations for 528 Practice Guide*
5. *Pasture Contingency Statement Guidance*
6. *Monitoring and Recordkeeping Guidance*

For convenience of use, these materials are also being distributed in hard copy format during the upcoming Certified Conservation Planning Training. Please note that an updated *Prescribed Grazing Tool* will also be released in future months. Contact your area grazing specialist for assistance in utilizing listed materials.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 5 can be found in Section IV of PA eFOTG and items 4 and 6 can be found in Section III of PA eFOTG. The official version of the FOTG is what appears in Pennsylvania's eFOTG.

The entire Pennsylvania eFOTG can be accessed at the following web site:

http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=PA .

You can also access Sections III and IV Table of Contents directly at the following web address:

<http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/toc.aspx?CatID=12477>.

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